

would he abandon the faithful Rainulf,
who still
held Eastern Apulia and the territory
of Bari,

The spring was marked by a pitiless expedition of the King in the neighbourhood of Benevento, Alife, and Ariano, in which Ramulf in vain tried to bring him to battle. In September, he was in Padula after subduing all Campania; and in the winter he returned to the pleasant gardens of Palermo,

The decisive year of the long crusade against Roger was 1139. On April the 4th a full Lateran Council was held, and Innocent, master of Rome, devoted to one common excommunication the Anacletans, Roger and his sons, and his bishops whom Anacletus had consecrated, But at the very moment there was withdrawn the one temporal champion whom Innocent could still command.

Duke Rainulf died of fever at Troia in the last days of April, and was buried in the cathedral of that town, Falco of Benevento gives a touching picture of the grief of the people of Bari, Melfi, and the towns which, he had lately ruled, *

The testimony of contemporaries is all to the credit of Roger's great opponent; as Duke, his short rule

was mild and paternal; in battle he
proved himself always the beau-ideal of
knighthood; undoubtedly wronged by Roger he rose
to the leadership of the feudal and civic
insurgents against the King; it was a lost cause
as events

"Auao 1139*